GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Coal for Power Plants
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dependency on coal for power has decreased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of coal consumed by the power sector during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has proposed any new coal power plants during the last two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : The share of coal in electricity generation has remained largely same during the last 3 years. The details of electricity generation from coal during the current year and the last three years, are given at Annexure-I.

(c) : The details of coal consumed by the power plants during the last three years and current year, are given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) : As per the section 7 of Electricity Act 2003, "Any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a license under this Act if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid". Therefore, Generation has been de-licensed and decision of setting up of Coal based Power Plants lies with the individual developers/investors.

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